

TOWN OF FAYAL
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE FAYAL TOWN BOARD

APRIL 4, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Fayal Town Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Tammaro. Present were: Chairman Tammaro, Supervisor Ochis, Supervisor Sather, Supervisor Ziegler and Clerk/Treasurer Coldagelli. Supervisor Branville was absent.

Audience members in attendance were Deputy Police Chief Jesse Linde, Matt Hoffmann, Nick Preiner, Scott Smith, Steve Shykes and Trevor Thompson.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of March 7th, 2017, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

AUDIENCE CONCERNS- None at this time.

REPORTS-

Clerk/Treasurer's Report-

Bank statements for the month of March have not yet been received so this report is tentative, revenues were \$48,522.31 and expenditures were \$88,572.45.

Tentative balances for the month of March are:

Miners Checking- \$1,054,827.72

Assessment Savings- \$443,574.68

For month of April to date, revenues are \$5,806.89 and expenditures are \$60,695.25.

Motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Report, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Reports-

Motion to accept the Fire Department Business Meeting Minutes of February 8th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Chief Shykes added that attendance was down at the spaghetti feed, but it still did okay. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to accept the Joint Recreation Meeting Minutes of March 8th, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Annual 2016, February 2017 and March 2017 Road Report, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Public Utility Commission Meeting Minutes of February 15th, Delinquency Report and February Wastewater Operator Report, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to accept the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of February 15th and the Planning Committee and Public Utility Commission Joint Meeting Minutes of February 15th, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

February 24th- Thank you card from the Kelly Campbell family for the flowers sent for his funeral. Placed on file.

March 9th- Email from Pay Equity Report. Our 2017 pay equity case is approved and meets compliance requirements. Placed on file.

March 9th- Minutes from the Minnesota Association of Townships Legislative & Research Committee, Annexation

Subcommittee Meeting of February 21st. Placed on file.

March 9th - Notice of Annual Election and Annual Meeting for the St. Louis County Association of Township Officers
May 24th, 5:30. Placed on file.

March 10th - Email from Kristin Fogard, St. Louis County, to distribute to Local Weed Inspectors with 2017 Noxious Weed List. Shared with Weed Inspector Jurenic.

March 13th - Email from Kristin Fogard, St. Louis County. Interested in providing an informational training session and would like to get input from weed inspectors. Shared with Weed Inspector Jurenic.

March 13th - Letter from AT&T Mobile Insurance. Monthly premium will increase from \$7.99 to \$8.99 effective April 21st. Placed on file.

March 13th - Thank you card from St. Louis County Sheriff and Rescue Squad for our donation. Placed on file.

March 14th - Request from Franklin B.E.A.R.S. PTA for donations for the Eighth Annual Family Bingo on April 9th. Moved to New Business.

March 14th - Email from the League of Minnesota Cities regarding 2017 Annual Conference in Rochester, June 14th - 16th. Placed on file.

March 16th - Minutes for the St. Louis County Association of Townships from February 22nd. Placed on file.

March 20th - Letter & email from St. Louis County with all of our information for our Local Board of Appeal and Equalization for May 16th at 1:00 PM. Placed on file.

March 20th - Letter from Brandon Larson from St. Louis County. Fayal received a taxes payable for 2017. In contacting Mr. Larson, Fayal is subject to pay the taxes owed for 2017 because the property near the ballfield was purchased after July 1st, 2016. St. Louis County sent the proper paperwork for exemption for 2018. Also included a consolidation form to combine parcels to one. Moved to New Business.

March 20th - Letter from the United States Department of Commerce requesting participation in a public employment & payroll survey to be taken by April 27th. Clerk will take.

March 23rd - Email from Steve Nelson at St. Louis County. The County has \$1.692 million remaining allocation for funding energy related projects. Review for any opportunity-generator possibly.

March 27th - Thank you letter from Iron Range Youth In Action Program for our donation. Placed on file.

March 30th - Letter from St. Louis County regarding household hazardous waste community collection schedule. Post on posting boards.

March 31st - Email from Jeri Venne at the IRRRB. Minnesota Department of Administration's Office of Grants Management invites applicants to share feedback on ways that state grant-making can be improved to increase diversity and inclusion in grant administration across all state agencies. Placed on file.

April 3rd - Email from St. Louis County. Requests for early distribution of 2017 Tax Collections must be received by May 31st. Placed on file.

April 3rd - Letter from Lake Country Power. Annual meeting will be April 19th at the Reif Center in Grand Rapids beginning at 4:45. Also included was an official ballot to vote for district 3 director. Placed on file.

April 3rd - Letter from Range Quality Pest Control for 2017 Preventative Maintenance Plan. Yearly service cost will be \$375. Share with Supervisor Branville for next meeting.

April 3rd - Email from the Minnesota Department of Health. 2017 Consumer Confidence report is available. Referred to Billing Clerk Dickson.

April 3rd - Email from Monica Olson from Northeast Service Coop regarding equipment install and testing for Border to Border project. They will be at the Town Hall Friday to complete. Unsure if Fire Hall will be tied in. Placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Sather-

Fire Department Co-op- Clerk Coldagelli spoke with IRRRB and they would contribute up to \$35,000 towards a study and each community would need to contribute \$5,000 or less depending on the cost of the study. Mt. Iron and Virginia each approved contributing up to \$5,000 and Gilbert did not support a \$5,000 contribution. Chairman Tammaro stated that in his meeting with the Mayor of Gilbert, they did not understand what they were actually voting for and were basing their decision on their Fire Chief's recommendation. Chris Ismil suggested all the city officials meet and make Virginia and Mountain Iron aware that they are not interested in pursuing this project with them. Clerk Coldagelli had asked the other communities to approve spending up to \$5,000 for the study and she had also offered to submit any applications on behalf of the cities. Once the study proceeds, have the chief's meet to

determine what the study would encompass.

2018 Levy- Levy was approved.

Fire Department/EMS- Letter was sent out and Clerk Coldagelli received interest from three individuals.

Water Tender-Table until full Board present.

Supervisor Ochis-

2017 Road Project- Trevor Thompson from SEH updated that they were waiting for the results from the core samples and then they could finish the plans and specs. He also added that discussion regarding Thunderbird Trail updates with City of Eveleth and the Fayal PUC occurred and cost estimates are being worked on. Clerk Coldagelli was waiting to hear back from a financial advisor regarding recommendations. He was 100% confident that he could provide some type of financing.

Supervisor Ziegler-

Joint Powers Eveleth-Gilbert-Fayal-Leonidas Sewer- Waiting to hear what will happen with City of Gilbert.

Old Bullfrogs Building- Chief Shykes will discuss with the bank. Chairman Tammaro added the bank sounded open to tearing it down and using the IRRRB based on which could be more cost effective. Training would be opened up to the college, but there is a great deal of cleanup that needs to occur. The building is full of items that cannot be burned. Clerk Coldagelli believed the IRRRB program was a 50/50 grant.

Joint Cooperation with Eveleth, Gilbert, Leonidas, ISD 2154- Meeting April 12th.

Eveleth/Fayal IRRRB Grant- Eveleth- SEH is working on some rough numbers. Eveleth and Fayal met to discuss Eveleth getting a waterline and Thunderbird Trail updates for Fayal.

Mediacom Agreement- Clerk Coldagelli read through the agreement and there were a few items that she did not agree with the verbiage. Will be working with Mediacom.

Generator- Clerk Coldagelli stated that there are not any FEMA grants available. The generator affects the SCADA computer. Nick Preiner asked if something could be done in the Fire Hall to keep a blower working if the power went out. Chief Shykes suggested an outlet to plug the heater into. Chairman Tammaro stated that we need to reach out to Hometown. Supervisor Ziegler would like research to find something that can also take on the PUC/Fire Department building. Emergency lighting is installed/upgraded in that building.

Chairman Tammaro-

Emergency Procedures- Table until next meeting.

Pine Drive and St. Mary's Court Signage- The roads are on MnDOT's speed study schedule for fall of 2017.

Annual Meeting- Meeting went well. Suggested reviewing levy next year. People didn't seem to have any opposition in regards to raising it to accommodate the need.

NEW BUSINESS-

Motion to pay appoint Donna Tini to the Planning Committee, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis. All committees have full rosters now. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Motion to donate \$100 to the Franklin PTA Bingo, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Ochis.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to spend up to \$5,000 for the Fire Department consolidation, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Planning Committee received quotes from St. Louis County for sign installation at the ballfield. Current quote was for \$881, but needed one more sign added to quote and possibly a smaller sign size.

Motion to approve up to \$1,200 for Ballfield signage with payment coming from Rec Department, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ziegler. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Spring Cleanup- Suggestion was put a flyer in the bills to encourage cleanup and if someone needed any supplies or needed to arrange pickup to contact the Township. Supervisor Ziegler added that it should be added to the bills and the website that the Fire Department is looking for volunteers.

LED Light Upgrade- Three more cases of lights is needed to completely finish Town Hall upgrade and then MN Power can finish the lighting rebate.

Motion to order three more cases of LED lights, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis.
Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Training- Training is \$55 per person and the training is an annual refresher to get the training caught up. Training would be for all 5 employees and they will stagger days to avoid overlapping.

Motion to approve the employees attending annual refresher training, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay A to Z \$3,476.52 for payment on the PUC building storage room, made by Supervisor Ochis, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the recommendation of the hiring committee and hiring Dan Brakke and Matt Hoffmann, pending drug testing and background checks, made by Supervisor Sather, support from Supervisor Ochis. Chairman Tammaro verified that the pay was \$15.00 per hour. Supervisor Ziegler questioned the hiring of two employees and were they both going to be working at the same time? Clerk Coldagelli added that the departments will be calling out the two of them based upon their schedules and availability. The intention was to have someone available when needed when schedules conflict, not to have two here on a regular basis together unless they are both mowing the lawn or when needed. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Tammaro brought forward the property tax exempt forms. 2017 property taxes were \$118 on one parcel and \$14 on the other.

Motion to authorize Clerk to fill out the form to combine the properties and complete the exemption form, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ochis. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to pay the 2016 Audit prepared by Walker, Giroux & Hahne for \$16,600, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the quote from Rogers Online for \$1,200 to clean up the cables and install a cabinet, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tammaro updated the Board members that employees Dale and Diane Dickson attended a wastewater conference last week and listened to a presentation by John Stine who is the Commissioner of the MPCA. The Commissioner was surprised that Gilbert was proceeding on their own and recommended that they stop the route that they are going. Diane Dickson formulated a response to John Stine reiterating the conversation and Clerk Coldagelli drafted a letter to send out to our representatives such as Nolan, Metsa, Tommassi, etc. Chairman Tammaro has since met with Mayor Milos and asked for direct contact in the letters and she will also reach out to Commissioner Stine. Fayal also provided her a copy of the original 2015 wastewater plan. The Commissioner stated that Gilbert will not be penalized if they are looking at combining with the other cities. There is no confidence that an actual study was ever completed. Supervisor Ziegler had calculated that potential debt services costs could be around \$18 if Gilbert continues on own, Chris Erickson from the PUC calculated approximately \$15.

Motion to approve letter and send to our representatives, made by Chairman Tammaro, support from Supervisor Ziegler. Clerk Coldagelli added that she had a meeting with Jordan Metsa and his recommendation was that if all the communities could come together, each city write a letter of support or pass a resolution and send that letter out for support from all of our representatives. Gilbert will have to update their membranes in 7 years, Eveleth's plant will eventually need to be upgraded and upgrading one versus two is much more appealing. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion to pay the claims, made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Ziegler, support from Supervisor Sather.

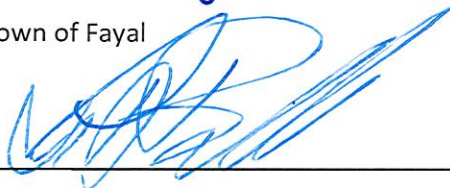
Chairman Tammaro adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Heidi M. Coldagelli

Clerk/Treasurer Town of Fayal

Approved: _____



Chair

Date: _____

4/18/17

Attest: _____



Clerk